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<head><al>Birds</al></head>

<ab><al>Calandra larks</al> &amp; all <al>birds</al> taken from the nest &amp; which have not had freedom are better, for these which are taken by net never sing so well. However, <al>the savage ones</al> give much pleasure with their chanting, but they ought be taken before Michaelmas, otherwise they scarcely live. A small impostume occurs on all on the fork of their tail, occasionally, which some call <fr>gaillardise</fr>, which makes them sick &amp; sometimes makes them die, especially <al>calandra larks</al>. One knows when they are sad &amp; do not sing. One must pierce it, not with a pin, but very gently by turning with the tip of quite pointy <m>feather</m>. The <al>calandra lark</al> does not want to be without <m>river sand</m>, &amp; the gray is the best, a little coarse. It rubs itself &amp; cleanses itself with it.

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<head>Grain of <m>lead</m></head>

<ab>Take a <del>pierced</del> <tl>playing card</tl>, pierced with a <tl>pin</tl> or <tl>needle</tl>, folded on all four sides. Hold it with the end of a small <tl>split stick</tl> and, holding the said <tl>stick</tl> by the<del><fr>un bout</fr></del> <add>other</add> end, put your <tl>card</tl> three or 4 <ms><bp>fingers</bp></ms> away from the <m>water</m> that you will have put in a <tl>dish</tl> or similar <tl>vessel</tl>. Then pour your <m>lead</m>, which should not be too hot, into the <tl>card</tl> &amp; continually tap on the <tl>stick</tl> that holds it. And thus your <m>lead</m> will turn into round grains. And pass it through a large <tl>sieve</tl> to separate the largest grain from the smallest. The larger one will reach 25 to 30 <ms>paces</ms>.

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<head><al>Birds</al></head>

<ab>Those that are taken at Michaelmas are good for keeping, but those that are taken in March die, because they are starting to enter into love. <al><fr>Bénaris</fr></al> are fed <m>oats</m> all summer in order that they are fed without fattening, to be more appropriate for hunting &amp; taking the others. Then, when one wants to fatten them for selling, one gives them <m>millet</m>. They sing at night. One needs to take them after mid-July until Michaelmas, for after that time that they have their young in this country, they go like the <al>turtledoves</al>. <al>Siskins</al> should also be taken from All Saints' Day until Christmas, for after they go to the mountains to brood.

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<al><fr>Bénaris</fr></al> are ventriloquists, such that that singing without opening the beak, one would say that they are

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